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## **Family Pheasant Hunts**

Twenty-two San Joaquin Valley family pheasant hunting opportunities are being offered by the Department of Fish and Game through its Game Bird Heritage Program. These hunts are made possible through the purchase of an Upland Game Bird Stamp by hunters. Providing hunter opportunity and hunter access is a major goal of the Game Bird Heritage Program. Up to four family members may apply as a party. When applying for the hunts, you must indicate the family member(s) in your party. See instructions under "How To Apply."

The hunts will be held near the towns of Gustine, Merced, Chowchilla, San Joaquin, Kettleman City, Stevinson, Alpaugh and Bakersfield. All of the hunts are in cooperation with private landowners with the exception of the Merced hunts, which will be held on the City of Merced property, and the Gustine hunts, which will be held on the Department's China Island Wildlife Area. The Madera, Fresno, Tulare and Kern County fish and game propagation committees and Board of Supervisors are also supporting the hunts by purchasing pheasants through the disbursement of fine monies collected from fish and game violators. Most of the hunts are also supported by local sportsmen's organizations. These clubs include Merced Fish and Game Club, Inc. (Merced), Fresno County Sportsmen's Club (San Joaquin), Avenal Gun Club (Kettleman City) and Exeter Sportsmen's Association (Alpaugh). Two hunts are scheduled per day, from 8:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to sunset. Male ring-necked pheasants will be released prior to each hunt.

Successful applicants and their guest(s) (except junior license holders) must pay a \$14.75 entry fee (waived at the Gustine hunt in lieu of a two-day or annual hunting area pass). **Do not** send the \$14.75 fee with your application, it will be collected when you check in at the hunt. An Upland Game Bird Stamp is required of all hunters, **except** junior license holders. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older).

## **How To Apply**

Hunters will be selected by a random computerized drawing. Applications may include up to four family members applying as a party. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for **yourself and any other family hunter(s):** ① name, ② address, ③ daytime and evening telephone numbers, ④ 2006-2007 hunting license number and ⑤ hunt number, location (e.g. [N] Merced), date and hunt in order of preference. Hunters may apply only **once** for each hunt, either as an applicant or as a guest. Submitting multiple applications will disqualify you from the drawing.

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Hunters will be selected for **only one** hunt. This is to provide more hunters with the opportunity to participate in these special hunts. **Please make your selections carefully**. Changes **cannot** be made after the drawing. Applications must be mailed or returned to:

Game Bird Heritage Family Pheasant Hunts 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, California 93710

Applications must be received by Friday, October 27, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing. **Only successful applicants will be notified** with instructions and a map to the hunt area. It is your responsibility to notify other family member(s) of being successful in the drawing. For additional information on any of the hunts or for an application, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Game Bird Heritage Program at (559) 243-4005, extension 133. The hunt numbers, locations, dates and hunt periods are as follows. List in order of preference on your application.

Hunt Letter	Location	Date and Hunt Period	Quota
A	Alpaugh	Saturday, November 18, morning	50
В	Alpaugh	Saturday, November 18, afternoon	50
C	Bakersfield	Saturday, November 18, morning	50
D	Bakersfield	Saturday, November 18, afternoon	50
Е	Gustine	Saturday, November 18, morning	50
F	Gustine	Saturday, November 18, afternoon	50
G	Kettleman City	Saturday, November 18, morning	50
Н	Kettleman City	Saturday, November 18, afternoon	50
I	San Joaquin	Saturday, November 18, morning	50
J	San Joaquin	Saturday, November 18, afternoon	50
K	Stevinson	Saturday, December 2, morning	50
L	Stevinson	Saturday, December 2, afternoon	50
M	Merced	Saturday, December 2, morning	25
N	Merced	Saturday, December 2, afternoon	25
О	Merced	Sunday, December 3, morning	25
P	Merced	Sunday, December 3, afternoon	25
Q	Merced	Saturday, December 9, morning	25
R	Merced	Saturday, December 9, afternoon	25
S	Merced	Sunday, December 10, morning	25
T	Merced	Sunday, December 10, afternoon	25
U	Chowchilla	Saturday, December 9, morning	50
V	Chowchilla	Saturday, December 9, afternoon	50

This and additional information can be found by visiting the Department's web page at <a href="http://www.dfg.ca.gov">http://www.dfg.ca.gov</a>.

## **Application for San Joaquin Valley and Southern Sierra Region 2006 Family Pheasant Hunts**

Please Print Clearly All areas must be completed (including family member[s] information) Incomplete Applications Will Be Rejected	
Name	
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First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)	
Hunting License Number	Selection Instructions:
NO Check here if Lifetime License	Hunters may only apply once, either as an applicant or as a family member, for each hunt. Select your hunts in order of
Address	preference, beginning with your first choice, by entering the corresponding hunt
Street  City State Zip Code	letter in box "1" as your first choice. An application may include up to twenty-two hunts. However, you and your family member(s) will only be selected for one
	hunt.
Telephone	1 2 3 4 5 6
Daytime Extension	7 8 9 10 11 12
Evening	
	13 14 15 16 17 18
Family Member 1 Name	19 20 21 22
Last M. I.	19 20 21 22
First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)	
THST (IIII., IIII.S., U, etc.)	A Alpaugh, November 18, Morning
	B Alpaugh, November 18, Afternoon C Bakersfield, November 18, Morning
Hunting License Number	D Bakersfield, November 18, Afternoon E Gustine, November 18, Morning
NO Check here if Lifetime License	F Gustine, November 18, Afternoon
Address	G Kettleman City, November 18, Morning H Kettleman City, November 18, Afternoon
	I San Joaquin, November 18, Morning J San Joaquin, November 18, Afternoon
Street	K Stevinson, December 2, Morning
City State Zip Code	M Merced, December 2, Morning
	N Merced, December 2, Afternoon O Merced, December 3, Morning
Telephone	P Merced, December 3, Afternoon Q Merced, December 9, Morning
	R Merced, December 9, Afternoon S Merced, December 10, Morning
Daytime Extension	T Merced, December 10, Afternoon
Evening	U Chowchilla, December 9, Morning V Chowchilla, December 9, Afternoon

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Family Member 2 Name
Last M. I.
First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)
Hunting License Number
NO.   Check here if Lifetime License
Address
Street
City State Zip Code
Telephone
Daytime
Evening
Family Member 3 Name  Last M. I.
First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)
Hunting License Number
NO Check here if Lifetime License
Address
Street
City State Zip Code
Telephone
Daytime Extension
Evening

Return or mail this application to:

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Department of Fish and Game
1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, California 93710

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or fax: (559) 243-4022